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gers, and no change in the personnel; on the 21st ultimo the British steamship *Crathorne*, with a cargo of manganese, for Baltimore, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the same date the British steamship *Persiana*, for Baltimore, with no passengers, no change in the personnel of the ship, and in water ballast; on the following day the British steamship *Birmingham*, for Baltimore, with no passengers, no change in the crew personnel, and in water ballast; on the same date the British steamship *Skerrymore*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; and also on the same date the Belgian steamship *Calderon*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 1 new member of the crew signed on here, 10 first-class passengers, and 20 steerage passengers for the United States.

No other vessels left this port for ports in the United States or its dependencies, Cuba, or ports in the Canal Zone.

Of these vessels leaving here, all were inspected by me before departure, except the *Ardendearg* and the *Skerrymore*.

Mortality in Rio de Janeiro, two weeks ended December 24, 1905.

Population, estimated, 905,000; last census (official), 1890, 429,848.

Week ended December 17, 1905: Total deaths, 330, including 3 from yellow fever, with 14 reported new cases; of this number, however, only 3 were confirmed, and the remainder placed under observation.

Plague caused 6 deaths, with 14 new cases reported, and variola caused no deaths, although 2 new cases were reported. At the close of the week there were in the infectious department of the São Sebastião Hospital 1 case of yellow fever, 34 cases of variola, and 15 cases of plague, with 22 suspected cases under observation.

Week ended December 24: Total deaths, 230, including 6 deaths from yellow fever, of which disease there were 15 new cases reported, but of this number only 6 were confirmed as being true yellow fever, and the remainder were placed under observation. Plague caused 1 death, with 2 new cases, and variola caused 1 death, with 1 new case.

At the close of the week there were in the hospital of São Sebastião, 1 case of yellow fever, 19 cases of variola, and 8 cases of plague, with 15 cases under observation.

CHINA.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Smallpox

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, December 21, as follows:

During the week ended December 16, 1905, 1 supplemental bill of health was issued to 1 steamship. There were inspected 1 steamship, 197 crew, 53 steerage passengers, and 23 pieces of personal baggage; 1 piece of baggage was disinfected.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows 3 new cases of enteric fever among foreigners, 2 deaths from diphtheria, and 23 deaths from tuberculosis among natives. The total reported mortality was 2 foreigners and 77 natives.

Smallpox, while not officially reported, is present here among the natives. I have learned of no case among foreigners so far this year.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from outports.